

NCTE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 26, 2010 – Video Conference

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – V-Tel Room (NSOB)

Omaha and Norfolk

ATTENDANCE: Wayne Erickson, Becky Schnabel, Doreen Jankovich, Merryellen Towey-Schulz, Sharon Katt, and Kevin Peters

Guests: Pat Madsen, Danielle Lotspeich, and Marlene Beiermann

Meeting Called to Order at 9:05 a.m. by President Erickson

Approval of January 26, 2010 NCTE Executive Committee Meeting minutes:

Jankovich moved and Schnabel seconded approval. Minutes were approved.

Approval of the March 12, 2010 NCTE General Session Meeting minutes:

Schnabel moved and Jankovich seconded approval. Minutes were approved.

Review of the March 12, 2010 NCTE Standing Committee minutes:

Undergraduate: No corrections were needed.

Certification: No corrections were needed.

Graduate: No corrections were needed.

Status Report:

Waiting for Governor's Signature – Rule 21 and Rule 24

Proposed endorsements/rules at the Attorney General's office: none

Proposed endorsements/rules awaiting State Board of Education action: Rule 25. The Governor signed Rule 25, so a hearing date is being arranged.

Proposed endorsements ready for Full Council action: None

Proposed endorsements ready for first reading: None

Proposed endorsements ready for second reading: None

NDE Updates: (Sharon Katt):

- a. April State Board Meeting Presentation: Katt explained the presentation was changed from the April meeting to the May State Board meeting due to time constraints at the April meeting. Hopefully this presentation will help to clarify the issues/concerns that the State Board is contemplating regarding Teacher Preparation programs in Nebraska.
- b. Rule 20 Revision Progress: State Board members requested a presentation from NCTE at the July Board Meeting regarding progress being made to revise Rule 20 and to address areas for teacher preparation enhancement. An *ad hoc* group was formed consisting of B. Schnabel, J. Kupper, R. Bork, L. Forester, T. Wandzilak, K. Peters, P. Madsen, D. Lotspeich, and S. Katt. The group has met once and is trying to determine the areas of concern for Teacher Education programs and to verify issues for Rule 20 revision. Participation by the Executive Board members at the July 7-8 State Board meeting is recommended for Rule 20 discussion. Potential items for discussion include increased field-based experiences; alternative certification flexibility issues; accountability; and K-12 student growth and achievement which is tied to teacher performance and preparation.

- c. Race to the Top Application: Katt explained that the first Nebraska Race to the Top application placed very low. The second application is due in June. Some believe the application process will determine a reform agenda for P-16 Initiative. Jankovich questioned if there will be a voice for OPS with the steering committee, since OPS is the largest urban district in the state. Katt explained that local stakeholders were generally not involved in the initial application process and uncertain how they will be included in the second application process. Jankovich did not believe the Union will sign off on the second proposal. The Nebraska application and comments are posted on the federal website. Race to the Top funding in the second round will be held to levels specified by USDOE.

Other Discussion Items:

- a. Ad Hoc Update: Madsen reported these dates for the various ad hocs:
 - School Guidance Counselor – June 16
 - Library Media Specialist (including Information Technology) – June 21
 - ELL & Bilingual - July 8
 - Superintendent/Principal may be in early SeptemberMarge Harouff is working with the ad hoc groups. Currently the various committees are being selected. Erickson questioned and Madsen verified that the ad hoc recommendations will be presented at the October NCTE meeting.
- b. Teacher Certification Update: Peters reported that postcard renewals are 30% ahead of last year. The second set of postcards for renewal will go out in May. The number one goal for Teacher Certification is to issue paperless certificates by January, 2011.
- c. State Program Approval Reports: Katt reported that the College of Saint Mary and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have no rejoinder issues and are considered fully state approved. The College of Saint Mary has earned national approval, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is currently undergoing TEAC approval. The Wayne State College state review was in November, and they are taking care of a few items to try to have things in place before the June NCTE meeting. If Wayne State College is not finished by the June meeting, then they will have the opportunity for rejoinder in June.
- d. 2010-2011 Budget Considerations: Katt appreciated input from March NCTE meeting. Madsen explained that the June NCTE meeting is on Thursday afternoon and the folio review on Friday in an effort to save money on mileage and hotel costs. The October meeting is at Union College, and we are considering a later start time for that meeting. Various cost-cutting ideas and sites are being explored. Katt expressed appreciation that the University of Nebraska-Kearney, Union College, and York College turned in their folio information early, since the June folio review is earlier than originally planned. We are pursuing technology options for conducting meetings. Erickson questioned how the ad hoc committee meetings were going to be conducted and Madsen explained they would meet face-to-face, since these were being done through grant money. Erickson wondered how the outstate members will react to the later meeting time. Katt noted that changing the times of the NCTE meeting will affect the NACTE and NSEA meetings schedules, and we are aware of this. Driving concerns were expressed for those outstate members, especially with a later ending time for the NCTE meeting.
- e. Day Change for Executive Committee Meetings: Katt proposed moving the meeting day for the Executive Committee meetings from Mondays to a different day of the week due to conflicts with State Board Planning meetings. After discussion it was decided to leave things as are, and if necessary change the meeting days with advanced notice.

Agenda Items for June NCTE Meeting:

- a. Organizing the Discussion Groups: Katt explained that she, Madsen and Sears met to provide input for answering the State Board issues concerning Teacher Preparation programs. From that meeting came four main questions concerning teacher preparation programs that need to be discussed by the NCTE membership at the June meeting. After much discussion, it was decided to follow these steps to enhance an informed, positive discussion on the questions:
 - 1. Send a preliminary document showing key issues concerning Nebraska educators to be studied along with a bulleted synopsis of the articles that should read by NCTE membership to prepare themselves for the discussions. The articles will be provided to the membership either on the web or by email.
 - 2. Members will split into two groups during the General Session and discuss questions 1 and 2, and then report back to the entire membership their answers to the questions. The entire assembly will get a chance to respond. Then the two groups will reconvene to discuss questions 3 and 4, and report back to the assembly, where everyone will hear the summations and respond accordingly.
 - 3. Each group will have a facilitator to guide the discussions, and each group will have a reporter/recorder to record relevant information and report their conclusions back to the general assembly.
- b. Expected Outcomes: Katt expressed that a document reporting the outcomes from the discussions concerning Teacher Preparation programs is needed. Is there a need to have outside individuals record and report the outcomes from these discussion groups? The June meeting discussions will define the NCTE issues for discussion at the July State Board meeting, with members of the Executive Committee in attendance.
- c. Other: Katt questioned the use of the Polycom system for the meeting, and all agreed it worked very well. Continued use of technology was encouraged. There will be special recognition given to those members leaving NCTE at the June meeting.

Meeting Adjournment: President Erickson adjourned the meeting at 11:33.